

she visited schools in every single one of Georgia's 159 counties, spanning across 180 school districts. Across just 8 years, she read to students in nearly 1,000 classrooms, touching tens of thousands of lives. She donated copies of her memoir, "Memories of the Mansion: The Story of Georgia's Governor's Mansion," to every public library in the State.

On top of these accomplishments, she was a devoted wife of 56 years, a mother to four, and a grandmother to six. A shining example of the qualities every person strives toward, Sandra Deal's impact will be felt by many generations of Georgians.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL DONALD E. "ROSIE" ROSENBLUM

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I rise today to recognize and honor the life and service of a true American patriot in my district, Lieutenant General Donald E. Rosenblum.

Rosie was born on June 3, 1929, in Flushing, New York, and was raised during the Depression in Hell's Kitchen in New York.

In 1948, Rosie graduated high school and followed his older brother, Bob, to the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. At the Citadel, Rosie was a member of the varsity baseball team and sports editor of the college paper. Upon graduation, Rosie was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and deployed to lead an infantry platoon in the Korean war.

After Korea, Rosie was placed in command of an infantry company in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and served as a staff officer in Berlin, Germany, when the wall was built.

In between his tours in Vietnam, Rosie also managed to graduate from the U.S. Army War College and later served as the executive officer to the Army's director of operations at the Pentagon. It was there that he received his first of three general officer stars, and he was then transferred to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia.

Rosie became an institution in our community, serving on boards for the YMCA of Coastal Georgia, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Savannah, and the Citadel Foundation.

His legacy is one of patriotism, dedication, selflessness, and love for his neighbors. My prayers reside with his family and friends during this time of sadness.

HONORING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN PORT WENTWORTH

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Baptist Church of Port Wentworth and its 100-year anniversary.

Under the leadership of Reverend L.R. Watkins, the First Baptist Church in Port Wentworth has been a shining cornerstone of greater Savannah since its founding in 1922.

In the early 1950s, the church decided to purchase and install chimes within

the church steeple so that all within the community could hear the "call to worship" bells every Sunday morning. These bells became popular within the Port Wentworth community.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the church experienced tremendous growth. As the church grew larger, there was a need for an educational building for the church's youth. In 1960, a new educational wing of the church was dedicated. The 1970s also brought even more new changes to the church. The church expanded its music program and decided to build a new sanctuary. The sanctuary that was dedicated in 1973 is still being used today.

Today, the First Baptist Church in Port Wentworth is under the leadership of Reverend Paul Mongin. Reverend Mongin is continuing the legacy of the congregation's storied history.

Congratulations Port Wentworth First Baptist Church on this wonderful milestone.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF TERRELL COPPAGE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in loving memory of a devoted husband, a caring father, and my wonderful father-in-law, Terrell Coppage.

On April 28, 1928, Terrell was born in Lowndes County, Georgia. His family migrated to Adel, Georgia, and Terrell attended Sparks-Adel High School.

Immediately after high school, Terrell joined the war effort, serving as a member of the United States Navy during World War II.

On August 21, 1949, Terrell met Betty Jones, his future wife of 73 years.

As a member of his community, Terrell was among the best. He was actively involved in his church, Trinity United Methodist Church, leading Sunday school and the local Boy Scout Troop 306 for many years. He spoke fondly of his trip with the Boy Scout troop to the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C. in 1981.

Terrell was also a member of the Okefenokee Lions Club, and was chosen as "Lion of the Year," as well as serving as house captain for many years during their "Christmas in April" event.

Keenager Choir, traveling to all 50 States, and daily walks with the "mall walkers" that ended with McDonald's biscuits were just some of the small joys that Terrell and Betty shared together.

Madam Speaker, I thank Terrell for all that he did to raise my wife, Amy, and for being the best father-in-law and grandfather anyone could ask for. We love you, and we will miss you.

MEDALS FOR WORLD WAR II VETERAN BERNARD E. STRICKLAND, M.D.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Bernard E. Strickland, a constituent, a veteran, and a doctor. This is a long overdue recognition that he deserves for his contributions to our country and to our community.

Born on January 21, 1922, Dr. Strickland served courageously in the U.S. military during World War II from 1943 to 1946. During his service, he led a squadron of soldiers as a sergeant in the historic 761st Tank Battalion. Known as Patton's Panthers, they were the first African-American tank squad to see combat in Europe. They were not permitted to serve alongside White troops, and they were the ones who went in to liberate concentration camps.

Dr. Strickland and the rest of the battalion were crucial to advancing freedom internationally and racial equality domestically. The 761st Tank Battalion also assisted in making sure that those that were trapped—Jews that were liberated in these concentration camps—were able to get out. The things that he saw were horrific.

His son, Henry, had reached out to my office to let us know about his service and about the fact that he had not been recognized.

Today, I am proud to announce that Dr. Strickland will receive eight medals—eight awards—for his exemplary conduct, including the Good Conduct Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp; the Honorable Service Lapel Button World War II; the Expert Badge with machine gun bar; and the Sharpshooter Badge with rifle bar.

Following his honorable discharge, he continued to devote his life to helping others as a medical doctor practicing medicine for more than 25 years in California.

Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. Strickland for his tireless dedication to his country and to our community.

INFLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, the American people are facing persistent pain in their wallets and pocketbooks, with inflation in August hitting 8.3 percent, higher than expectations.

But yesterday, hours after new inflation figures revealed that price hikes are continuing to burden hardworking Americans, President Biden held an event to celebrate the signing of the deceptively-named Inflation Reduction Act into law, touting the radical legislation as a victorious success.

The Inflation Expansion Act a success? Not quite. Not even close.

Grocery costs have surged nearly 14 percent, gas rose more than 33 percent, electricity costs have increased nearly

16 percent, rent almost 7 percent, and transportation has soared 11 percent.

Republicans warned that burning through billions of dollars in order to expand the IRS by 87,000 new agents, advance Green New Deal initiatives, and deliver crushing tax hikes would only plunge our economy into deeper turmoil—worsening inflation and contributing to our ballooning national debt.

Yet, Speaker PELOSI, Senate Leader SCHUMER, and President Biden steamrolled ahead anyway—selfishly advancing their Big Government Socialist agenda that costs the American people over 1 month's pay every year. Yes, Americans are now losing a month's pay every year because of Biden inflation.

Enough is enough. Americans simply cannot afford the cost of one-party Democrat rule in Washington any longer. We must prioritize financial security and fiscal responsibility over runaway spending and reckless monetary policies in order to provide American workers, families, and small businesses, the economic relief they desperately need.

BORDER CRISIS

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the raging crisis that continues to plague our southern border.

Since President Biden stepped foot into the Oval Office, his failed policies and radical open border agenda have provoked an unprecedented illegal alien invasion at our southern border.

While Vice President KAMALA HARRIS, our so-called "Border Czar," comically claims that the southern border is secure, the American people know good and well that this is a blatant falsehood. But unlike our delusional Border Czar, the numbers don't lie.

Nearly 5 million illegal aliens have crossed the southern border since Biden and HARRIS took office. To make matters worse, 66 individuals on the Terrorist Screening Database have been stopped trying to illegally enter our country—this is more than double the last 5 years combined—double the last 5 years combined.

Furthermore, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has seized enough fentanyl in this fiscal year alone to kill almost 2.4 billion people—over seven times the U.S. population.

The southern border is, in fact, not secure, and the Biden administration knows it. After all, chaotic open borders have always been their plan. Unless the Biden administration abandons this sinister scheme, communities across the country will only continue to be ravaged by deadly drugs and border lawlessness.

It is simple: Americans deserve border security, not an administration actively manufacturing mayhem, advocating for mass amnesty, and emboldening dangerous cartels.

President Biden must immediately about-face on his open border agenda, commit to securing our southern bor-

der, and finally put American people first.

USDA LETTER

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly oppose the Department of Agriculture's poultry line speed waiver rule.

Back in July, over 50 chicken plants that currently participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's waiver program received a notification from the Department stating that within 1 month these plants must participate in a third-party study in order to retain their line speed waivers.

In addition to granting a third-party group unlimited and unannounced access to poultry plants, the study also requires these plants to submit heaps of data and burdensome paperwork. Failure to participate in this study results in chicken plants slowing production by 25 percent, creating supply chain mayhem in the industry, and undeniably posing a serious threat to food availability.

The Biden administration's line speed waiver rule forces an ultimatum on poultry plants, burdening both consumers and workers already battling supply chain disruptions and hyperinflation, for the sake of a vague, intrusive, and unnecessary third-party study on worker safety.

Since I represent and serve the "Poultry Capital of the World," Gainesville, Georgia, I proudly led 34 of my colleagues in sending a letter to USDA Secretary Vilsack expressing grave concerns about the third-party study and urging the delay in the mandate.

Given the adverse effects this rule imposes on the industry and poultry production, Secretary Vilsack must immediately provide substantive answers to Congress about why this rule must be put in place.

Madam Speaker, I am fully committed to conducting proper congressional oversight into the USDA's line speed waiver so that we can continue to run at full capacity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

300 DAYS SINCE WE SIGNED THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Nevada (Mrs. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, I rise today as this week marks 300 days since we signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law.

But we didn't stop there, we have accomplished so much more in the last 100 days.

For years, Washington has been all talk, no action when it comes to infrastructure. Congress after Congress, President after President, all promised to finally tackle our Nation's crumbling infrastructure. This Congress fi-

nally delivered—and delivered with bipartisan support.

It was truly a historic moment, but in the 300 days since it was signed into law—on this very floor, amidst all of the noise and divisiveness—this Congress has continued to make history.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the most significant gun violence legislation in nearly 30 years. Now law.

The PACT Act, to provide generations of veterans and their families the care and benefits they have earned and deserve. Now law.

The CHIPS and Science Act, which will allow us to compete with China, boost our supply chains and American innovation, and bring jobs back to America. Now law.

The Inflation Reduction Act, the biggest step our country has taken to tackle climate change, while also delivering lower prices for prescription drugs and expanded access to affordable healthcare. This, too, is now law.

Nevada was ground zero for the economic devastation of this pandemic. Nevada was also ground zero for the most urgent effects of climate change, but Nevada also stands to gain the most from the Inflation Reduction Act. A record 14.5 million people—and more than 100,000 Nevadans—have signed up for coverage through the ACA marketplaces. Now, that coverage will be even more affordable with the expanded tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act.

Medicare can finally negotiate lower drug prices, which means savings for our seniors and every single taxpayer. Not only that, the Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket costs for part D drugs and insulin for seniors and individuals with disabilities on Medicare.

All of this means better, more accessible healthcare, and more money in Nevadans' pockets. I am also incredibly proud that this bill will tackle our climate crisis and stand up for Nevada's future. The West is facing the worst drought in 12 centuries. In my district, the dire situation at Lake Mead is making headlines all over the world.

This bill will help mitigate the harmful effects of our drought by funding environmental restoration projects and investing in conservation projects to increase water levels in the Colorado River.

It is going to take all of us to fight the climate crisis. This bill supports Nevadans on the ground in their effort to save energy and save money all along the way.

Do you need to replace a stove or a refrigerator? Do you need to install solar panels or perhaps buy an electric vehicle? This bill will help you with direct rebates to buy more energy-efficient options.

Overall, Nevadan families that take advantage of the clean energy tax credits could save more than \$20,000 in a single year. All of this is fully paid for by cuts to our deficit by \$300 billion, by finally making the ultra-wealthy and big corporations finally begin to pay their fair share. Let me be clear, not